

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held April 15, 2021, Via Teleconference. Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m.

### **Staff Present**

Oluremi Dean, Acting Executive Director  
Bethan Haaga, AAG Board Counsel  
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator  
David Bruce, Investigator  
Troy Pumphery, Investigator

### **Present Members**

Dr. Jennifer Merts, Chair  
Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, Vice-Chair  
Mr. James Brisbane, HAD  
Mr. John Rouse, CON  
Mr. Jim Keller, HAD  
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON  
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD  
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD  
Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP  
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD  
Ms. Carolyn Stine, SLP

### **Visitors**

### **Absent Members**

Monica Wright, Office Secretary III  
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD  
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP

### **Agenda Review and Approval**

Dr. Tinita Kearney made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Ellen Stine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Minutes Review and Approval for March 18, 2021**

Dr. Tinita Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments. Mr. Richard Brisbane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Regulatory Review**

Legislative Coordinator, Lillian Reese gave an update on bills that were of interest to the Board during 2021 Legislative Session.

Bills directly affecting our Board:

- HB161/SB379 – Health Occupations – Licensing of Audiology Assistants: Passed the House and the Senate, Effective 10/1/21
- HB233/SB82 – State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists - Maryland Music Therapists Act - Passed the House and the Senate, Effective 10/1/21
- HB288/SB183 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact - Passed the House and the Senate, Effective once an ASLP-IC commission has been formed
- HB600/SB523 – State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists – Duties, Appointment of Members and Requirements for Licensees - Passed the House and the Senate, Effective 7/1/21

Miscellaneous Bills-

- HB028/SB005 – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities – Passed the House and Senate
- HB119/SB313 Comprehensive Awareness – Bill did not Pass
- HB732/SB568 Telehealth out of State Practitioner – Bill did not pass
- HB910- HAD for Adults - Bill never moved out of the Senate and will not pass
- HB344/SB72 – Maryland Transparency Act- Bill never moved out of the committee and will not pass
- SB952-Health Occupational Internship and Residency in Training Requirements injured in Combat – Bill never moved out of the Senate and will not pass
- HB1041-Uniform Reporting – Bill was withdrawn

Lillian also stated that if the Board would like to make changes during legislative session 2022, she will need concept papers by the end of May.

**Board Counsel report-None**

**Board Chair Report-None**

**Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Oluremi Dean, Acting Executive Director- Gave the Board an update on online renewal applications. Ms. Dean also stated that because there is a modernization of our website there is a content freeze from April 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Dean informed the board about the nominees for Board Chair. Ms. Stine is the sole nominee for Board Chair. Both Mr. Rouse and Dr. Mertes will reach their tenure with the Board in June. A new consumer member will be appointed on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will need to be sworn in prior to attendance to the July Board meeting.

**Budget Report – Oluremi Dean**

Ms. Dean stated the ending balance for March as \$128, 808.33.

**License Coordinator Update**

Ms. Zoann Mouzone – Reported that as of April 2021 there were 5,448 active licensees. For the 2020 renewal, there were 235 AUD, 1,852 SLP and 41 SLPA that were process. For the 2020 non-renewed licenses, there were a total of 26 AUD, 271 SLP and 22 SLPA. For the 2021 HAD renewals, there is a total of 95 that have renewed and 19 that have not as of yet. There are a total of 502 applications received for the 2021 license renewal and 91 have been processed. There is total of 37 applications for Board Approval.

**Review and Approval for Licensee**

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Ms. Carolyn Stine made a motion to approve all applications with the exception of one application pending further discussion during closed session. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Review for Committee List of CEU'S for Board Approval**

Mr. Kim Keller made a motion to approve all CEU applications. Dr. Tinita Kearney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Correspondence & F.Y.I**

NONE

**Adjournment**

Ms. Ellen Stein made a motion to adjourn the regular session Board meeting. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:45p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Dr. Jennifer Mertes, AuD,  
Board Chair